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HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year 1948

Rotherwick.  
June, 1949.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1948

Population.....18300

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
Live (Legitimate	328	154	174	)Birth rate 19.3
Births (				)England & Wales
(Illegitimate	26	12	14	)17.9
Still Births	12	5	7	)Rate per 1,000
				)Total Births 33.
Deaths	190	90	100	)Death Rate 10.8
				)England & Wales
				)10.8.

Death rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000  
births - 33 (England and Wales 34).

Deaths from Heart and Arterial Disease	- 57
" " Cancer	- 30
" " Tuberculosis	- 6
" " Suicide and Violence	- 7

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever.....	8
Pneumonia.....	7
Dysentery.....	1
Whooping Cough.....	28
Measles.....	27
Erysipelas.....	3
Tuberculosis - all forms.....	24

The amount of infectious diseases was again much less than the average.

The scheme of immunisation against Diphtheria was continued. 311 children under 5 years completed the course of treatment.

WATER.

It is estimated that 87% of the dwellinghouses in the district are connected to a water main.

The Mid-Wessex Water Company's mains have been extended into Heckfield.

Analysis of the Hartley Wintney parish supply has been regularly carried out and is uniformly satisfactory. This water is plumbo-solvent.

Samples of water were submitted for analysis from 22 wells in various parts of the district; 13 were certified to be satisfactory and 9 as unsatisfactory. Appropriate action was taken in regard to the unsatisfactory supplies.

#### SEWERAGE.

The provision of modern amenities in the home increases the use of water and the need for sewers. They are specially needed in Hawley and to a less degree in Yateley and Crondall. The Council has adopted the principle of installing small sewerage plants for groups of new Council Houses.

#### MILK.

During the year under review 50 samples of milk were taken from producers in this area, with the following results:-

Satisfactory.....44  
Unsatisfactory..... 6

Steps were taken to secure improvement in unsatisfactory milk supplies.

15 Samples were taken for the presence of living tubercle bacilli; all were satisfactory except two which were investigated by the County Veterinary Surgeon.

Of the 204 registered producers, 41 hold T.T. Licences and 19 Accredited.

#### FOOD.

The following table shows the quantity of food condemned as unfit for human consumption during 1948.

Meat	294 lbs.	Fish	135 lbs.	Fruit	202 lbs.	Eggs	300
Vegetables	289 lbs.	Tea	5 lbs.	Milk	163 Tins.	Jams	16 lbs.
Flour	112 lbs.	Other Food	208 lbs.				

#### HOUSING.

On the 31st December the following new houses had been completed:-

(Council built : 76)  
(Privately built 39)  
(Conversions 10)

In addition 347 families are housed in converted huts and 29 in Prefabricated Houses.

#### RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

2401 houses have been surveyed, of which 381 have been scheduled as unfit for habitation and incapable of being rendered fit at a reasonable cost.

Where essential repairs are necessary owners are approached and a considerable amount of work is done.

Yours faithfully,

MARK AVENT

Medical Officer of Health.